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DEMOCRATS FIGHT FOR AMERICAN JOBS REPUBLICANS SHIP GOOD AMERICAN JOBS OVERSEAS

With 8.4 million Americans looking for work and nearly 3 million private sector jobs lost in the last three years, Democrats are fighting to create new jobs and keep American jobs here at home. But Republicans are attempting to push through big tax breaks for multinational corporations that will make it even easier to export millions of jobs overseas.

BAD BUSH ECONOMY HAS DESTROYED MILLIONS OF MANUFACTURING JOBS

2.6 million manufacturing jobs lost since the beginning of the Bush Administration. The Bush economy has had a devastating impact on the nation's manufacturing sector, with manufacturing jobs lost every month since President Bush took office and 2.6 million manufacturing jobs lost since the beginning of his Administration. 26,000 manufacturing jobs were lost in December of 2003 alone, extending President Bush's streak of manufacturing job loss in every month since being elected.

Crisis in manufacturing is bad for economy, industry, and workers. Manufacturing has long been key to the strength of our economy. It provides good jobs and guarantees a high standard of living for America's working families. In fact, in 2001, manufacturing workers' earnings were 23 percent greater than those of workers in service sectors of the economy.

Republicans refuse to help American manufacturers. Republicans want to make it easier for multinational companies to move jobs abroad. Republicans in Congress have proposed reforming our international tax laws so that it is cheaper for multinational corporations to move jobs overseas. Instead of providing incentives to create American jobs here at home, Republicans are looking for ways to export them.

DEMOCRATS WORK TO KEEP AMERICAN JOBS HERE AT HOME

Democrats have a range of proposals to strengthen, rebuild and modernize our manufacturing base. Democrats support granting tax relief to manufacturers that produce goods here in the United States. This would encourage job creation and prevent the migration of jobs overseas by providing an incentive for companies to manufacture goods here in America. Moreover, Democrats support strict enforcement of our trade laws to create a level playing field for our domestic producers. Finally, Democrats plan to help manufacturers develop new technologies and upgrade job training for a high-skills workforce.

Democrats want to crack down on offshore tax cheats. Democrats have long supported closing tax loopholes for corporations and individuals that move abroad to avoid paying taxes. By removing this incentive to move American jobs abroad, Democrats would put an end to companies that profit from eliminating American jobs.